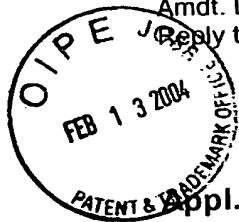


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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

The three month response period for the outstanding Office action of September 11, 2003 expired on December 11, 2003. Applicants hereby petition and request a two (2) month extension of time to extend the response period from December 11, 2003 through February 11, 2004. By this amendment three new independent claims have been added and three independent claims remain pending in this application. A total of 30 claims are pending in this application including the multiple dependencies. A check in the amount of \$600 is enclosed to cover the \$420 fee for a two (2) month extension of time and \$180 to cover the additional claim fee for ten (10) claims in excess of twenty.

In response to the Office action of September 11, 2003, paper no. 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 6 of this paper and include a clean copy of a newly added abstract.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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